

Town of Henlopen Acres

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MINUTES: Meeting of the Tree Committee of the Town of Henlopen Acres was held on **Monday August 29, 2016 at 1:00 pm** at Town Hall on 104 Tidewaters in Henlopen Acres, Delaware

PRESENT:

John Scheurer	Tree Committee
Nathalie McGregor	Tree Committee
Henry DeWitt	Tree Committee
Freddie Nolan	Tree Committee
Lynda Moses	Tree Committee
David Lyons	Mayor
Thomas Roth	Town Manager
Lisa Michaels	Town Clerk
James Ashby II	Cypress Tree Care
Joni Reich	25 Tidewaters

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by John Scheurer.

2. Review of Tree Inventory

Mr. James (Jay) Ashby II from Cypress Tree Care is in attendance. He had an extensive and productive discussion with the Tree Committee. They reviewed the tree inventory, completed by the Tree Committee, included in the meeting packet. Jay would like time to work with the inventory data a little more, then he will make some more definitive recommendations for tree planting locations and species. He encouraged the Tree Committee to come up with short term (1 year) and long term (5 and 10 year) goals. Natalie McGregor expressed the committee's desire to plant 200 trees over the next 10-20 years at roughly 20 trees per year. She also proposed designating certain trees as "landmark" trees due to their size, age or prominence in the Town. Jay also recommended the Town stay as diverse as possible with future tree planting as to avoid a large amount of trees being lost to disease or fungus. Diversity will also give the tree canopy a unique look with different tree sizes and types. The committee was concerned with the number of dead or over mature trees that needed immediate attention (as noted on the inventory). Jay agreed that all dead trees should be removed and over grown trees pruned prior to any new planting. He felt most of the trees in Town still have approximately 30 years of useful life remaining. Jay gave recommendations for species to be planted in the ocean block that could tolerate salt spray and flooding. Some of the recommended trees are: White and Chestnut oaks, Chinese Cedar, Honey Locust, Southern Magnolia and all willow trees. John Scheurer had contacted the Brown family at 20 Rolling Rd about the seedling Loblolly pines on their undeveloped lot. They are willing to allow the Town to transplant them and Jay said it would cost approximately \$30.00 per tree. After the meeting, Jay took a Town tour with Mr. Scheurer to look at some of the trees that the committee had concerns over.

3. Tree Ordinance/Tree City USA

No action was taken

4. Public Involvement and Awareness

The decision was to do a more extensive town-wide outreach once a definitive short term and long term plan is put in place. Continuing education and communication to the residents will be done through the newsletters.

5. Next Meeting

Another meeting was not scheduled.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Scheurer at 2:08pm.

Approved 09/26/16